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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attention: Mr. Jim Trammell  
Supervisory Patent Examiner  
Group Art Unit 2764

Applicant: Nancy A. Tammaro  
Docket No.: FMC 0954 PUS  
Serial No.: 09/131,637  
Filed: August 10, 1998  
Title: Method And System For Internet Based  
Financial Auto Credit Application  
Examiner: Mr. Tessamariam

Dear Sir:

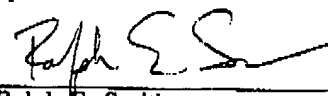
This communication is responsive to a telephone inquiry from Examiner Tessamariam, which was redirected by the Examiner to Mr. Jim Trammell, Supervisory Patent Examiner of Group Art Unit 2764. Specifically, Mr. Trammell inquired as to whether a response had been filed in this application. Applicant points out that a response had been filed on January 18, 2000, including a one month extension of time, but that the header information on the first page of the response identified the wrong serial number and application. Otherwise the response was proper and responsive to the office action mailed September 15, 1999. A copy of the response is attached hereto.

As seen on page 2 through 5 of the response the header identifies the subject application by its proper serial number, i.e., 09/131,637. However, the header information on the first page identifies commonly owned patent application serial number 09/088,034. Both applications had responses due to office actions mailed September 15, 1999, and the response for this application inadvertently failed to insert the correct header information on the first page.

Since Applicant made a bonafide attempt to respond to the outstanding office action in connection with this patent application, Applicant respectfully requests acceptance of Applicant's response mailed January 18, 2000, as being timely filed.




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